

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) A composition comprising (i) a bioenhancer or bioavailability facilitator selected from the group consisting of isolated and purified Glycyrrhizic acid, isolated and purified Glycyrrhizin or mixtures thereof in a concentration of about 1 $\mu$ g/ml and (ii) a therapeutically effective amount of a therapeutic agent selected from one or more nutraceuticals, antibiotics, anti-infective agents and anti-cancer agents, wherein ~~said effective amount of said bioenhancer or bioavailability facilitator is present in an amount~~ insufficient for said bioenhancer or bioavailability facilitator by itself ~~or said therapeutic agent by itself~~ to be a therapeutically effective nutraceutical, antibiotic, anti-infective agent or anti-cancer agent.

2 – 4. (Canceled)

5. (Original) A composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the anti-infective agents are selected from anti-bacterial, anti-fungal and anti-tuberculosis agents.

6. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 5, wherein the concentration of glycyrrhizin ranges from 0.05 to 50% of the weight of the anti-bacterial compounds.

7 – 8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently amended) A composition as claimed in claim 5 wherein the anti-bacterial agents are selected from the group comprising consisting of  $\beta$ -lactams, macrolides, quinolones, fluoro-quinolones, aminoglycides, glycopeptides, rifamycins, folate inhibitors, tetracyclines, anti-tuberculosis agents and microbicidal compounds.

10. (Previously presented) A composition as claimed in claim 9 wherein the quinolones and fluoro-quinolones are selected from the group consisting of nalidixic acid, norfloxacin, ciprofloxacin and sparfloxacin.

11 – 48. (Canceled)